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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FUMIHIRO SHIGENAGA

Serial No.: 09/882,545

Filed: June 15, 2001

For: A HIGH-HAT STAND

Art Unit: 2837

Examiner: Kimberly R. Lockett

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir,
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In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A high-hat stand comprising an operating rod, which is movable upward and downward by a foot pedal so as to move a movable cymbal up and down relative to a stationary cymbal, said operating rod being comprised of an upper rod member and a lower rod member that are threadably connected in a disengageable fashion in a connecting section; wherein

an elastic section which is compressed upon connection of said upper and lower rod members and undergoes elastic recovery upon separation of said upper and lower rod members is disposed in said connecting section.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to claim 1 is supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.